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BINDING BY ANTIBODIES USING PROTEIN A

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Response to Restriction

Sir:

In response to the Restriction, dated 15 April 2003, Applicant elects with traverse the claims of Group 1 (claims 1-18) drawn to a blocked immunoglobulin.

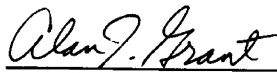
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